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MEETING OF ECONOMETRIC SOCIETY IN HELSINKI

1. CONGRESSWOMAN FENWICK AND CONGRESSMAN DRINAN HAVE INQUIRED ABOUT INVITATION TO DR. BENOR GURFEL, RESIDENT IN TALLINN, TO ATTEND EUROPEAN MEETING OF THE ECONOMETRIC SOCIETY IN HELSINKI, AUGUST 23-28. INVITATION WAS SENT THROUGH ACADEMICIAN N. P. FEDORENKO, SOVIET ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, BY PROFESSOR ZVI GRILICHES OF HARVARD, WHO IS PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMETRIC SOCIETY. FENWICK UNDERSTANDS THAT GURFEL HAS BEEN DENIED PERMISSION TO ATTEND. (FYI: ACCORDING TO DRINAN, GURFEL HAS BEEN SEEKING TO EMIGRATE FROM THE SOVIET UNION FOR LAST SEVEN YEARS. FEDORENKO AND SEVERAL OTHER SOVIET ECONOMISTS ALSO INVITED TO MEETING.)
 2. EMBASSY AUTHORIZED TO INQUIRE AT MFA AND ACADEMY OF SCIENCES TO ASCERTAIN IF INVITATION TO GURFEL HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY PROPER AUTHORITIES AND WHETHER HE WILL ATTEND. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO MENTION INTEREST OF US CONGRESSMEN AND AMERICAN MEMBERS OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMETRICS
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